

Appl. No. 10/730,826
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 3A, 5-8, 10, and 11. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-11, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-11.

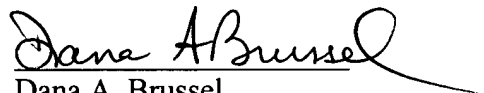
Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, the specification has been amended to update the application's priority data and correct typographical errors. In addition, the abstract disclosure has been amended to reduce the word count to no more than 150 words. Finally, claims 1-7 have been canceled and new claims 8-18 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the claims pending in the application are fully supported by the specification, introduce no new matter, and are patentable over the prior art.

Prompt and favorable action on these claims, namely claims 8-18, is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (631) 501-5713.

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